

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART IV

*Informal Working Group - Environment*

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete.

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

Mexico

**2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Art. 46 bis

**3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation or standard or guideline in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

2. The environmental impact assessment shall include:

(b) Impact assessment and evaluation to describe and predict the nature and extent of the Environmental Effects of the mining operation, including cumulative and synergistic impacts and residual effects, using Best Available Scientific Evidence;

7. In the conduct of the environmental impact assessment, the Sponsoring State and Contractor shall maintain consultations, including a system of prior notification, with any coastal State adjacent to the Contract Area ~~across whose jurisdiction resource deposits in the Area lie~~, with a view to avoiding infringement of their rights and interests, in accordance with Regulation 4.

**4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]**

46 bis. 2. The effectiveness of an EIA relies on a sufficient environmental base-line system and an assessment of impacts that includes their connectivity, interaction, and integrity. Best professional practices in EIA/SEA, recognizes that cumulative impact assessment and synergetic impacts are not a separate effort but cross-sectoral in nature. All those impacts that suppose an environmental incidence greater than the sum of the individual and isolated incidences (synergic impacts), shall also be considered in the EIA. Accordingly, any reference in the Exploitation Regulations to cumulative impacts shall also include synergic impacts (ex. Annex IV. Assessment of impacts on the biological environment and proposed Mitigation (8.a). 9. Assessment of impacts on the socioeconomic environment and proposed Mitigation (9.a) (9.5)).

Mexico also proposes a definition for synergic impacts that to be included either in the Schedule “Use of Terms and Scope” or in Annex IV.